

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 933

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on State Route 196 in Fayette County in honor of the late Alfred Hodges.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Alfred Hodges, one of Fayette County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Hodges, a gentleman who attained excellence as a public servant during his thirty-six-year tenure on the Fayette County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Fayette County benefited greatly from Mr. Hodges's diligence on behalf of the county and his close attention to the needs of his constituents in the Hickory Withe area; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Hodges was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Hickory Withe as their representative to the Fayette County Commission and a devoted community leader; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Commission has petitioned this body to name a bridge located in the district formerly represented by Mr. Hodges to honor his illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge spanning Cypress Creek on State Route 196 in Fayette County is hereby designated the "Alfred Hodges Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge spanning Cypress Creek on State Route 196 in Fayette County as the "Alfred Hodges Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.